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Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Community Project Funding Informational Packet

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The deadline to submit a Community Projects Funding proposal is 6:00pm on Friday, April 15, 2022.

The application to submit a Community Projects Funding proposal can be found at
https://tonko.house.gov/constituent-services/community-project-funding.htm

For more detailed information, please visit:
https://appropriations.house.gov/appropriations-requests

Rep. Paul Tonko's FY23 Agriculture & Rural Development Accounts Guidance

1. USDA Community Facilities Grants

Grants to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses. Essential community facilities include, but are not limited to, healthcare facilities, public facilities, public safety measures, educational services, or other community support services. Any project must serve a rural area as specified in 7 CFR 3570.53 (rural areas including cities, villages, townships, and Federally Recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents). For fiscal year 2022, the average CPF funding level was just over $1 million.

Best for: nonprofit organizations and local governments located in qualified rural areas

FY22 Examples:
- $195,000 to Sandy Creek Joint Fire District: Sandy Creek Fire District Ladder Truck
- $1,000,000 to Pocono Family YMCA: Pocono Family Community Center

2. USDA ReConnect Program

Grants funds can be used for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service to rural areas without sufficient broadband access. The area must be rural and lack sufficient access to broadband service. A rural area is any area which is not located within a city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants. Sufficient access to broadband is defined as greater than 90% of any rural area in which households have fixed, terrestrial broadband service delivering at least 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream. Mobile and satellite services will not be considered in making the determination of sufficient access to broadband. Stand-alone middle-mile projects are not eligible under the ReConnect Program. However, middle-mile facilities are eligible if they are needed to bring sufficient broadband service to all premises in the area. All policies and procedures apply, including environmental and related reviews and the cost share requirement of 25% of the overall project cost. Policies and procedures can be found at https://go.usa.gov/xexPT. For fiscal year 2022, the average ReConnect CPF award was nearly $2 million.

Best for: local governments and nonprofit organizations that meet eligibility requirements

FY22 Examples:
- $1,687,500 to the Town of Westerlo: Westerlo Broadband Expansion

3. USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants

Grants may be used for audio and video equipment, broadband facilities that support distance learning or telemedicine (not actual broadband), computer hardware or network components/software, and acquisition of instructional programing. All requests are subject to all the regulations governing the program which can be found at 7 CFR Part 1734. The program requires a 15% match that cannot come from another federal source. The program is intended to

serve rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less. Competitive awards typically range from $50,000 to $1,000,000. The average award for this account for FY22 was $359,000, but this account was not open to community project funding in the House in FY22.

Best for: state and local governments; non-profit health centers, human services providers, and education providers; or a consortia of eligible entities

FY22 Examples:
- $115,000 to the Illini Community Hospital: Community Hospital Rural Telemedicine Initiative

4. USDA Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities

Requests must be for Agricultural Research Service (ARS)-owned facilities or for facilities that will enhance ongoing ARS work. Requests can assist in the acquisition of land, construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural research programs of the Department of Agriculture. Requests for ARS-owned facilities will be given priority for funding. For fiscal year 2022, the average ARS CPF award was $12.5 million.

Best for: scientific researchers; local research universities.

FY22 Examples:
- $10,000,000 to the Sugarcane Research Unit: Sugarcane Research Unit Improvements

5. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

Conservation Operations has four major program components: Conservation Technical Assistance, Soil Survey, Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting, and Plant Materials Centers. Examples of specific objectives include reduce soil erosion, improve soil health, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damage caused by floods and other natural disasters. Due to the newness of the urban agriculture program, the Committee will not consider such proposals this year as part of CPFs in Conservation Operations. The average award for this account for FY22 was $1.1 million, but this account was not open to community project funding in the House in FY22.

Best for: conservation districts, extension programs, non-profits engaged in conservation activities, and other local government entities

FY22 Examples:
- $263,000 to the Ohio Energy and Advanced Manufacturing Center: Reduce Runoff Contamination in the Great Lakes

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Rep. Paul Tonko's FY23 Commerce, Justice, & Science Accounts Guidance

1. NIST Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS)

Funding must be for activities consistent with and supportive of NIST's mission and within its authorities, such as STEM education activities, scientific research, or other activities that support American manufacturing and industry. The Committee may consider similar or higher project amounts for FY23. This is one of the more flexible accounts eligible for CPF. **This account does not fund vehicles or building construction or renovation.** The median award in this account for FY22 was $1,250,000.

Best For: State and local governments, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, hospitals.

FY22 Example:
- $1,000,000 for the University at Buffalo: High-performance Computing Drug Discovery Initiative

2. NIST Construction of Research Facilities – Extramural Construction

This account funds the construction and renovation of research facilities, provided that such facilities will be used in a manner that is aligned with and supportive of the mission of NIST. Candidate projects could include laboratories, test facilities, measurement facilities, research computing facilities or observatories. The median award in this account was $10 million in FY22, but this account was not open to community project funding in the House in FY22.

Best For: Research and scientific institutions, local public health departments, institutions of higher education, nonprivate laboratories.

3. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Operations, Research, and Facilities

Community project funding for NOAA will only be considered within the Operations, Research, and Facilities account. This account **does not** fund construction projects, and as such, any such requests will not be considered. Requests for funding will be considered for research, demonstration, or education projects performed by external partners or for prioritizing NOAA internal funds for geographically specific projects. Any such project must be aligned with NOAA's mission and within their existing authorities. The Committee will not entertain requests for community project funding for the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations. Coastal Zone Management funds are distributed to states on a formula basis and will not be considered for community project funding. Historically, the Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account. The median award in this account for FY22 was $750,000.

Best For: Local research universities; other research institutions; state and local governments.

FY22 Example:
- $263,000 for the Coastal Preservation Network: Restoration & Stabilization of Two On-Water Platforms on Flushing Bay

4. State and Local Justice Assistance—Byrne Justice Assistance Grants
Byrne JAG Grants assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to prevent crime, improve the criminal justice system, provide victims' services, and other related activities. Community projects funded under this category must comply with the requirements cited in JAG statutes and be consistent with Justice Department guidance for the program. The Committee encourages community project funding designed to help improve police-community relations. Historically, the Committee has not funded building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account. The median award in this account for FY22 was $500,000. Below are the links to the Department's guidance and frequently asked questions regarding Byrne-JAG:

- https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview
- https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/jag-faqs.pdf

Best For: State and local governments; local law enforcement agencies.

FY22 Example:
- $3,000,000 for the City of New York, Office to Prevent Gun Violence: Crisis Management System (CMS)

5. Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) – Technology and Equipment
Funding will be provided for COPS Technology and Equipment (COPS Tech) community project grants for State, local, and tribal law enforcement to develop and acquire effective technologies and interoperable communications that assist in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime, provided that such equipment meets the applicable requirements of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES). This funding will allow recipients the opportunity to establish and enhance any of a variety of technical equipment and/or programs to encourage the continuation and enhancement of community policing efforts within their jurisdictions. These projects should help improve police effectiveness and the flow of information among law enforcement agencies, local government service providers, and the communities they serve. Historically, the Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account. Recipients of community project funding under this account may not subgrant to other organizations or agencies. The median award in this account for FY22 was $520,000 and ranged from $25,000 to $5,600,000.

Best For: Local governments; local law enforcement agencies.

FY22 Example:
- $25,000 for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office: Montgomery County Sheriff's Office License Plate Reader

6. NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Services
Community project funding under the NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Services (NASA-SSMS) account must be for activities consistent with and supportive of the work of NASA's mission directorates and within the agency's authorities, such as STEM education activities and

scientific research. Funding for building construction or renovation projects will not be considered for community project funding. The median award in this account for FY 22 was $900,000.

Best For: Local nonprofit colleges and universities; K-12 local education agencies; research institutions; local STEM education and workforce training programs.

FY22 Example:
- $70,000 for Montgomery County (PA) Community College: STEM Learning Center Installation

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Rep. Paul Tonko's FY23 Defense Accounts Guidance

The Committee will only consider project requests in the following accounts:
- Research, Development, Test & Evaluation Army
- Research, Development, Test & Evaluation Navy
- Research, Development, Test & Evaluation Air Force
- Research, Development, Test & Evaluation Space Force
- Research, Development, Test & Evaluation Defense-Wide

The recipient must be a state or local government or eligible non-profit. No requests for for-profit recipients will be considered.

For fiscal year 2022, project amounts in these accounts were funded between $200,000 and $4,000,000. The Committee may consider similar project amounts for fiscal year 2023.

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Rep. Paul Tonko's FY23 Energy & Water Accounts Guidance

1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Accounts
The Committee may provide funding for a limited number of new start projects in the Investigations, Construction, and Mississippi River and Tributaries accounts as well as a limited number of Environmental Infrastructure projects and Continuing Authorities Program projects in the Construction account.

Only authorized projects will be considered for funding. A list of authorized projects can be found at https://appropriations.house.gov/energy-and-water-authorized-project-lists

Only projects that are not included in the President's budget request or are requesting a different funding amount are eligible under community project funding.

2. Bureau of Reclamation Accounts
The Committee may provide funding in the Water and Related Resources account.

Only authorized projects will be considered for funding. A list of authorized projects can be found at https://appropriations.house.gov/energy-and-water-authorized-project-lists

Only projects that are not included in the President's budget request or are requesting a different funding amount are eligible under community project funding. Projects authorized under sections 4007, 4009(a), and 4009(c) of the Water Infrastructure Improvements Act for the Nation (Public Law 114-322) will not be accepted.

3. Department of Energy Accounts
Community project funding requests for the Department of Energy must cover one of the following topics:

- energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transportation;
- cybersecurity, energy security, emergency response;
- electricity, energy storage;
- nuclear energy; and
- fossil energy, carbon management, critical minerals.

Cost share requirements may apply to these projects, as required by section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The amount of required cost sharing will depend on the scope and technological maturity of the project.

Funds may not be used to support building construction/ Electric vehicle charging station projects will not be considered unless there is a renewable energy or energy storage connection to the charging station.

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Rep. Paul Tonko's FY23 Financial Services & General Government Accounts Guidance

1. General Services Administration—Federal Buildings Fund—New Construction, Major Repairs and Alterations and Basic Repairs Account

Projects are **limited to** line items in the GSA Federal Buildings Fund requested by the Administration in either the FY22 or FY23 budget request. The awards in FY22 ranged from $500,000 to $50 million.

Best For: Facilitators of authorized projects and their partners.

2. National Archives and Records Administration—National Historical Publications and Records Commission Account

Funding for projects that help ensure online public discovery and use of historical records collections, encourage public engagement with historical records, strengthen the nation's archival network, or publish documentary editions of historical records. The average award in FY22 was just under $500,000. The Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for fiscal year 2023. Projects should comply with the eligibility requirements for existing National Historical Publications and Records Commission grants programs as specified at https://www.archives.gov/nhprc/apply/eligibility.html.

Best For: Local museums and libraries, local government entities, community organizations.

FY22 Example:
- $60,000 for the Incorporated Village of Old Brookville, NY: Village of Old Brookville Village Hall – Records Digitalization

3. Small Business Administration—Small Business Initiatives Account

Funding for projects in support of small businesses, including but not limited to entrepreneur training, workforce development, counseling, research, and construction or acquisition of facilities. The average award in this account for fiscal year 2022 was $650,000. The Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for fiscal year 2023. This is one of the most flexible accounts eligible for CPF.

Best For: State and local governments; local community colleges; research institutions; local nonprofit organizations.

FY22 Example:
- $750,000 for SUNY Buffalo State Small Business Development Center: e-Commerce for Disadvantaged Businesses

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Rep. Paul Tonko's FY23 Homeland Security Accounts Guidance

1. Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects

Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program will be considered for funding, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable. For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2023 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the state agency responsible for administering mitigation grants in the requestor's state must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that entity will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. **Therefore, all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible.** The average award in this account for FY22 ranged between $150,000 and $9,950,000.

Best For: State and local governments.

FY22 Example:

- $800,000 for the Fresh Creek Tide Gates, Brooklyn, NY: New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

2. Emergency Operations Center Grant Program

Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable, will be considered for funding. For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2023 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the respective state administrative agency (SAA) must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that agency will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. **Therefore, all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate SSA affirming that it believes the project is eligible.** The average award in this account for FY22 ranged between $36,000 to $3,000,000.

Best For: State and local governments.

FY22 Example:

- $2,000,000 for the Emergency Communications Radio System Replacement: County of Westchester, NY

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Rep. Paul Tonko's FY23 Interior & Environment Accounts Guidance

1. Interior—National Park Service—Save America's Treasures (SAT) Account
The SAT grant program is for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant collections and historic properties. This account funds two categories of projects: awards managed by the National Park Service for preservation projects at properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places for national significance or designated a National Historic Landmark; and awards managed by the Institute of Museum and Library Services for projects involving nationally significant collections (including artifacts, museum collections, documents, sculptures, and other works of art).

All grant recipients must comply with relevant requirements for recipients of Federal financial assistance and program-specific requirements found on the SAT grant program's website at
https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/sat-grant-info.htm

All SAT grants require a dollar-for-dollar non-federal matching share. The property must be on the National Register of Historic Places in order to be eligible to receive funding. If the project has received previous appropriations, it is not eligible. The SAT grant program was created to preserve nationally significant properties by repairing them, not adding to or changing them. Demolition of an historic building or significant changes to it are not eligible projects under the SAT grant program.

This account was not open to community project funding in the House in fiscal year 2022. The Committee encourages a project funding threshold of up to $500,000.

2. Interior—Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)—Land Acquisition Account
Land acquisition project requests funded from the LWCF should be for the purpose of land and habitat conservation and the encouragement of outdoor recreation and requested through the agency that would manage the land being acquired. The four land management agencies are (1) the Bureau of Land Management, (2) the Fish and Wildlife Service, (3) the National Park Service; and (4) the Forest Service.

As part of the President's fiscal year 2023 budget request, the President was required to submit proposed and supplemental project lists. Projects that appear on the proposed lists are considered programmatic requests and should not be requested for Community Project Funding. The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that appear on the supplemental list.

When submitting your request, please indicate whether the project is on this list.

3. Environmental Protection Agency—State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)—Water Infrastructure Account
STAG infrastructure grants fund local wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. This includes construction of and modifications to municipal sewage treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants.

STAG infrastructure grants are limited to projects that are publicly-owned or owned by a nonprofit entity and that are otherwise eligible for the funding from the state's Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. Privately-owned projects are not eligible for grants. Projects listed on a state's most recent Intended Use Plan will be prioritized.

There is a minimum 20 percent non-Federal cost share requirement for any portion of a project funded through a STAG infrastructure grant.

STAG projects have very specific eligibility requirements. Examples of eligible and non-eligible types of projects can be found in the tables at https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY23%20Interior%2C%20Environment%2C%20and%20Related%20Agencies%20Member%20Project%20Instructions.pdf

4. U.S. Forest Service—State and Private Forestry (S&PF) Account
The S&PF account provides technical and financial assistance, usually through the network of State Foresters, to improve the management, protection, and utilization of the nation's forests. Community projects are usually limited and include various specific urban and community forestry projects and specific forest disease or pest treatment areas. Projects may also request specific State fire assistance projects or specific forestry assistance projects in this account.

The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that are listed on any federal or state ordinal list or are clearly demonstrated to meet the goals of a State Forest Action Plan. Projects are required to meet the 1:1 matching requirement mandated by the Forest Service. For fiscal year 2022, the majority of S&PF projects in the House ranged from $50,000 to $750,000. The Committee will consider similar project amounts for fiscal year 2023

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Rep. Paul Tonko's FY23 Labor, Health & Human Services, and Education Accounts Guidance

1. Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration—Training and Employment Services Account

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act demonstration program is the only Labor Department program that supports community project funding. These projects must meet all statutorily mandated requirements. In addition, all projects must include direct services to individuals to enhance employment opportunities, demonstrate evidence of a linkage with the State or local workforce investment system, and include an evaluation component. Equipment purchases may be included within community project funding only as an incidental part of the entire project. A similar standard applies to curriculum development, which should be incidental to the project's emphasis on direct services to individuals.

Community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities. House project amounts in this account were funded between $100,000 and $2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022. The Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for fiscal year 2023.

Best For: State and local governments; local community colleges; local workforce development agencies; nonprofit job training centers; education providers.

FY22 Example:
- City of Syracuse, NY, for a job training program for opportunity youth
  - $300,000

2. Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Program Management Account

Grants to help with the cost of construction, renovation, or capital equipment for facilities for provision of health, mental health, or substance abuse services, training of health professionals, or medical research. Examples of eligible facilities include hospitals; health centers and clinics; skilled nursing facilities; mental health centers; facilities for schools of medicine, nursing or other health professions; and medical research laboratories.

In addition to construction and renovation, grants can be used to acquire capital equipment, such as lab equipment, x-ray machines, and telehealth and information technology equipment. Equipment-only grants—that is, grants not involving construction—are permissible. Generally, any equipment having a useful life of more than one year and a unit cost of at least $5,000 will be eligible as capital equipment. In addition, equipment with lower costs may also be eligible, provided that it is treated as an item of capital expense under the recipient institution's pre-existing, written accounting policies. One-time equipment expenses for health information systems and electronic medical records systems are permitted expenditures. The costs of expendable supplies such as pharmaceuticals, lab chemicals, or office paper are not eligible.

HRSA Health Facilities grants cannot be used to acquire land or purchase existing buildings, or to pay salaries or other operating or ongoing costs. They cannot be used to pay for work previously completed. Grants can be used for architectural and engineering costs associated with

an eligible construction project but cannot be used for general feasibility studies.

For fiscal year 2022, project amounts in this account were funded between $100,000 and $2,000,000. The Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for fiscal year 2023.

Best For: Hospitals; health centers and clinics; skilled nursing facilities; mental health centers; facilities for schools of medicine, nursing or other health professions; and medical research laboratories.

FY22 Example:
- University at Albany, Albany, NY for purchase of equipment
  - $1,000,000

3. Department of Health and Human Services—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)—Health Surveillance and Program Support Account
SAMHSA provides resources for substance use and/or mental health services, including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, or recovery support services. Community project funding within SAMHSA should be submitted through the Health Surveillance and Program Support account. SAMHSA projects may cover a wide range of services. A listing of SAMHSA Notice of Funding Opportunities can be found at https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements-2022

SAMHSA project funds cannot be used for inpatient treatment or hospital-based detoxification services, direct payments to individuals to enter treatment or continue to participate in prevention or treatment services, meals and food, research, or construction (other than a limited amount of renovation necessary to carry out a funded project).

More information on allowable or unallowable costs can be found on the HHS Webpage at https://www.hhs.gov/grants/grants/index.html

For fiscal year 2022, project amounts in this account were funded between $100,000 and $2,000,000. The Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for fiscal year 2023.

Best For: Community health centers; public health departments; nonprofit mental and behavioral health service providers and treatment centers; local governments; nonprofit organizations providing mental and behavioral health services and/or outreach to youth, homeless, or other high-risk populations; and local public colleges and universities.

FY22 Example:
- Erie County Department of Health, Buffalo, NY for peer support workers to improve access to substance use treatment and recovery services
  - $1,000,000

4. Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Children and Families Services Programs Account

Community project funding may be used for projects to improve the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect through research, model service improvement, information dissemination, and technical assistance. Projects must serve or target children and families who are at risk or who have experienced child abuse and neglect. Social Services Research and Demonstration CPF may be used for projects to promote the ability of families to thrive through financial self-sufficiency in order to prevent and reduce poverty and to promote the healthy development and greater well-being of children and families. Projects can serve a diverse population, including low-income individuals, children, youth, families, individuals with developmental disabilities, and Native Americans.

ACF community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities. The House did not include projects in this account in fiscal year 2022. The Committee expects to consider project amounts in this account between $100,000 and $2,000,000 for fiscal year 2023.

Best For: Non-profit social service providers; state and local departments of human services; and local public colleges and universities.

FY22 Example:
- Make the Road New York, Jackson Heights, NY for education and services to reduce poverty, including equipment.
  - $400,000

5. Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Community Living (ACL)—Aging and Disability Services Programs Account

Community project funding within ACL should be submitted through the Aging and Disability Services Programs account. Community project funding may be used for projects to improve or create new opportunities for older adults, individuals of all ages with disabilities, and their eligible family caregivers, to live independently and participate fully in their communities. Generally, community project funding should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, education, health services, training, support services, and independent living services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and eligible family caregivers.

ACL community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities. The House did not include projects in this account in fiscal year 2022. The Committee expects to consider project amounts in this account between $100,000 and $2,000,000 for fiscal year 2023.

Best For: State and local governments; nonprofit organizations; local public colleges or universities; and nonprofit health care facilities.

6. Department of Education—Elementary and Secondary Education—Innovation and Improvement Account

Community project funding for elementary and secondary education should be submitted through the Innovation and Improvement account. Elementary and secondary education community project funding includes instructional services, afterschool centers, curricula development, teacher training, acquisition of books and computers, arts education, social and emotional learning activities, full-service community schools, and early childhood education. In

general, the focus of elementary and secondary education community project funding should be providing early childhood or K-12 educational services.

Community project funding to provide and improve special education services at the elementary and secondary levels are also eligible. Community project funding may include early intervention services for infants and toddlers, transition services, and postsecondary education services

Eligible grantees are state education agencies, school districts, colleges and universities, and other public and private nonprofit entities. Generally, community project funding intended for individual schools is provided to the applicable school district and not directly to the individual school. Community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of school buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades. Daycare and childcare projects that do not include educational services are also not eligible. For fiscal year 2022, projects in this account were funded between $100,000 and $2,000,000. The Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for FY 2023.

Best For: State and local education agencies (including local school districts); local nonprofit colleges and universities; other local education nonprofit organizations.

FY22 Example:
- Boys & Girls Club of Harlem, Inc., NY, to support implementation of a full service community schools model.
  - $296,000

7. Department of Education—Higher Education—Postsecondary Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Account
Community project funding can be designated under this account for a wide variety of higher education projects. Generally, community project funding should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education. Community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of academic buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades.

Grantees are usually colleges and universities but may include other public and private nonprofit organizations.

For fiscal year 2022, projects in this account were funded between $100,000 and $2,000,000. The Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for fiscal year 2023.

Best For: Local nonprofit colleges and universities; other local education nonprofit organizations.

FY22 Example:
- City College of New York, City University of New York, New York, NY for workforce development program, including equipment and stipends
  - $1,500,000

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Rep. Paul Tonko's FY23 Military Construction & Veterans Affairs Accounts Guidance

1. Department of Defense—Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction—Active Components

Eligible community project requests include both construction and unspecified minor military construction projects for active components. An unspecified minor military construction project is a project that has an approved cost equal to or less than $6,000,000. The types of projects under this heading include construction, installation, equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, and facilities for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, and Defense-Wide Agencies.

Projects must have a corresponding DD Form 1391, which is used by DoD to submit requirements and justifications in support of funding requests for military construction to Congress.

2. Department of Defense—Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction—Reserve Components

Eligible community project requests include both construction and unspecified minor military construction projects for Reserve Components. An unspecified minor military construction project is a project that has an approved cost equal to or less than $6,000,000. Some Reserve Component projects require a State funding match. The types of projects under this heading include construction, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for training and administration for the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, and Air Force Reserve.

Projects must have a corresponding DD Form 1391, which is used by DoD to submit requirements and justifications in support of funding requests for military construction to Congress.

3. Department of Defense—Planning and Design Planning Account

Design funding can be requested for specific projects when they are not yet at 35 percent design and therefore ineligible for construction funding. The types of projects under this heading include improving facility resilience, study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, Defense-Wide Agencies, Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, and Air Force Reserve.

4. Veterans Affairs—Minor Construction Program Account

VA's Minor Construction program includes capital projects with costs equal to or less than $20,000,000, particularly projects that construct new space instead of renovating existing space. Examples may include expanding existing facility square footage to provide additional healthcare capacity, construction of specialty care buildings or clinics, building of parking structures, or expanding gravesite space at cemeteries.

Projects must appear unfunded on the VA's 2023 Strategic Capital Investment Planning list.

Veterans memorials, parks, museums, and other similar projects are not eligible for community project funding. Funds are not available for direct grants to veterans organizations.

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Rep. Paul Tonko's FY23 Transportation and Housing & Urban Development Accounts Guidance

1. Department of Transportation—Highway Infrastructure Projects

Funding may be used for highways, bridges, EV charging infrastructure, wildlife crossing, bike/pedestrian infrastructure, and other activities. Funding must be for capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a capital project; supported by the state, local government authority, or Tribal government that would administer the project; and administered by public or Tribal entities. Activities that are administrative in nature **cannot be funded**. The cost-share requirements vary based on activity, location, and other factors. The average award in this account for fiscal year 2022 was $2.7 million. The Committee may consider project amounts of up to $7 million for FY23. More information on eligibility: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/federalsharefs.cfm

Best For: State and local governments; metropolitan planning organizations; local transportation agencies.

FY22 Example:
- $1,400,000 for South Albany Street Over Six Mile Creek Bridge Replacement

2. Department of Transportation—Transit Infrastructure Projects

Funding must be used for transit capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a transit capital project; supported by the state, local government authority, or Tribal government that would administer the project; and administered by public or Tribal entities. Public transportation or transit is defined as regular, continuing shared-ride surface transportation that is open to the general public or open to a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income.

This account **does not include** intercity passenger rail transportation, intercity bus service, charter bus service, school bus service, sightseeing service, courtesy shuttle service for patrons of one or more specific establishments, or intra-terminal or intra-facility shuttle services.

Additionally, activities that are administrative in nature, even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation, **cannot be funded.** The cost-share requirements for transit capital projects typically require 20 percent local share. The average award in this account for fiscal year 2022 was $2.5 million. The Committee may consider project amounts of up to $7 million for FY23.

Best For: State and local governments; metropolitan planning organizations; local transportation agencies.

FY22 Example:
- $3,000,000 for City of Amsterdam (NY-20): Multimodal Station Phase I – Pedestrian Connector and Station Design
- $1,760,000 for Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority: Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Battery Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure

3. Department of Transportation—Airport Improvement Program (AIP)
Funding may be used for enhancing airport safety, capacity, and security, and mitigating environmental concerns. Benefits of funded projects may include, among other things, safety, environmental, economic, equity, and mobility benefits. **All projects must be administered by an airport and/or airport sponsor.** The average award in this account for FY22 was $4 million. The Committee may consider project amounts of up to $7 million for FY23. More information on eligibility: https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/overview/

Best For: Local airports.

4. Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiative (EDI)
Funding may be used for economic and community development activities, including land or site acquisition, demolition or rehabilitation of housing or facilities, construction, and capital improvements of public facilities (including water and sewer facilities), and public services. This is one of the most flexible accounts; funds may also include planning and other activities consistent with the underlying authorization for the Community Development Block Grant program within HUD.

Funding is **not eligible** for the reimbursement of expenses for activities or costs incurred prior to the obligation of funds, if such activities are not eligible under the CDBG program. Additionally, capital and operating expenses for fire and police stations are **not eligible.** EDI community project funding **does not** have a local match requirement. The average award in this account for fiscal year 2022 was $1.5 million.

Best For: Projects administered by governmental or non-profit entities, including public housing agencies, as well as tribes and tribally designated housing entities.

FY22 Example:
- $750,000 for Capital Roots, Inc. (NY-20).: Urban Grow Center Expansion
- $2,000,000 for City of Amsterdam (NY-20): Community Center Project
- $500,000 for Albany County (NY-20): Sheriff's Homeless Improvement Program

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